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- ☐ Attached hereto copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. A corresponding US reference is also attached.
- ☒ Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.
- ☒ The relevancy of each reference can be found in the English language Abstract attached thereto

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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1. The German patent document DE 27 17 014 discloses a method for testing the operation of a temperature differential heat alarm with at least two differently thermally insulated heat sensing elements.

In accordance with the present invention the heat alarm is loaded with a cooling medium which evaporates below the surrounding temperature, and an alarm signal is indicated, produced by the heat alarm in some cases after the end of the holding medium supply. This reference does not teach the new features of the present invention as defined in the claims.

2. The German patent document DE 94 08 898 U1 discloses a hazard alarm, in particular a fire alarm for a hazard alarm device connected to a central unit through a plurality of hazard alarm elements including a manually actuable alarm switch and an alarm circuit arranged in a housing and connected to the central unit, with a modest switching means located outside the alarm housing for switching between alarm state and a testing state. This reference also does not teach the new features of the present invention as now defined in the claims.